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Subject: Blue Ribbon Paint Factory-Polrep #2

POLREP #2
BLUE RIBBON PAINT FACTORY
2326 WATER STREET
WHEELING, OHIO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA 26003
ATTN: RRC
EVENT: SAMPLING ASSESSMENT

- I. SITUATION (0800 HOURS, WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 1998)
- A. ON 24 JUNE 1998, EPA OSC AND SATA CONDUCTED A SAMPLING ASSESSMENT OF THE BANKRUPT AND ABANDONED BLUE RIBBON PAINT FACILITY. SEVENTEEN (17) SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED AND WERE DELIVERED TO QUANTERRA LABORATORY, PITTSBURGH, PA FOR VOA, SVOA, METALS AND CYANIDE ANALYSIS. ONE WEEK TURNAROUND OF RESULTS WAS REQUESTED. RESULTS ARE PENDING.
 - B. ACCESS TO THE SITE HAS BEEN GRANTED BY MARTIN SHEENAN, COURT APPOINTING BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEE.
 - C. ON 24, 25, 29 JUNE 1998, UNDER TASKING BY OSC, SATA CONDUCTED MAPPING AND INVENTORY OF THE PAINT MANUFACTURING BUILDING.
 - D. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:
 - 24 JUNE 1998: EPA-1, SATA-4
 - 25 JUNE 1998: EPA-1, SATA-2
 - 29 JUNE 1998: SATA-2
 - E. WEATHER:
 - 24 JUNE 1998: HAZY, HOT, HUMID, TEMPS IN 90'S
 - 25 JUNE 1998: MOSTLY CLOUDY, HOT, HUMID, TEMPS IN UPPER 80'S
 - 29 JUNE 1998: MOSTLY CLOUDY, THUNDERSTORMS, TEMPS IN MID 80'S
- II. ACTIONS TAKEN
- WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 1998
- A. AT 0800 HOURS, EPA OSC EASTON AND SATA ARRIVED ON SITE. AS REQUESTED BY OSC, SATA MOBILIZED THE MOBILE COMMAND POST TO USE AS BASE OF OPERATIONS. UPON ARRIVAL, THE OSC AND SATA CONDUCTED A SITE WALKTHROUGH.
 - B. AT 1030 HOURS, SATA BEGAN SAMPLING INSIDE THE MANUFACTURING BUILDING. TWENTY-FIVE (25) SAMPLES

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WERE AVAILABLE OBTAINED FOR HAZARD CATEGORIZATION FIELD TESTING. SAMPLES WERE OBTAINED FROM DRUMS, PAINT MIXING BARRELS AND OPEN BAGS OF PIGMENTS. SATA CONDUCTED CONTINUOUS AIR MONITORING DURING SAMPLING ACTIVITIES AND DONNED BOTH LEVEL C AND LEVEL B PPE TO COLLECT SAMPLES. ELEVATED LEVELS OF ORGANIC VAPOR (200 UNITS PLUS) WERE DETECTED WITH OVA IN HEADSPACE OF OPEN MIXING BARRELS AND DRUMS; OTHERWISE, BACKGROUND READINGS WERE OBTAINED.

C. SATA OBTAINED TWO SAMPLES OF FLOOR SWEEPINGS FROM THE THIRD FLOOR AND 15 SAMPLES BASED ON HAZ CAT TESTING FOR OFFSITE LABORATORY ANALYSIS.

D. SATA BEGAN MAPPING AND COMPLETED INVENTORY OF THE THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS OF THE FOUR STORY MANUFACTURING BUILDING.

E. AT 2100 HOURS, PERSONNEL DEPARTED SITE.

THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 1998

F. AT 1345 HOURS, SATA ARRIVED ON SITE AND BEGAN INVENTORY OF FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF THE MANUFACTURING BUILDING. OSC WAS ON SITE TO OVERSEE ACTIVITY. SATA DEPARTED SITE AT 1815 HOURS.

FRIDAY, 26 JUNE 1998

G. SATA DELIVERED 17 SAMPLES TO QUANTERRA LABORATORY, PITTSBURGH, PA. SAMPLES INCLUDED 4 PIGMENTS, 1 UNKNOWN SOLID, 2 FLOOR SWEEPINGS, 6 WASTE PAINTS, 3 WASTE SOLVENTS, AND 1 "COBALT CHEM-ALL LIQUID" DRUM SAMPLE. SAMPLES SCHEDULED TO BE ANALYZED FOR VOA, SVOA, P.P. METALS AND CYANIDE.

MONDAY, 29 JUNE 1998

H. AT 1315 HOURS, SATA ARRIVED ON SITE AND CONTINUED A DETAILED INVENTORY OF THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE MANUFACTURING BUILDING. PERSONNEL DEPARTED 1630 HOURS FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF ACTIVITY.


III. FUTURE PLANS

A. AWAIT SAMPLE RESULTS FROM QUANTERRA LAB.

B. SATA TO CONDUCT DATA VALIDATION UPON RECEIPT OF SAMPLE DATA.

C. SATA TO COMPLETE INVENTORY SPREADSHEET.

D. OSC TO CONTINUE COORDINATION WITH EPA ENFORCEMENT OSC (CARLSON), WVDEP, BANK REPRESENTATIVES, AND BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEES REGARDING FUTURE ACTIVITIES.


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